

*Please note:  
This Document contains the monthly Board meeting held on July 5<sup>th</sup>  
and the two special Board meetings  
held on July 10<sup>th</sup> at New Castle and on July 17<sup>th</sup> at G&J Kartway*

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2011**

**WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMAKRS:** Vice President, Josh Wagar, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., welcomed everyone and asked that cell phones be turned off or placed on vibrate.

**SECRETARYS' REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the June 7, 2011 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Don Boles and passed with nine in favor and one abstained (Benson). Coombs reported points calculations were corrected from race four.

**TREASURERS' REPORT:** On behalf of Jason Gregg, Josh Wagar provided a financial report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**TIRES:** Josh Wagar read an email from Ted Cradlebaugh reporting on a conversation with Jim Russell who said Dunlop SL4 tires are expected to arrive July 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>. It further stated if the tires do not arrive, the Board needs to discuss tires options at the upcoming New Castle event. John Horn, Doug Stempfley and Jean Stafford reported on their experiences with Bridgestone tires. Lynda Coombs stated she is of the opinion the club needs to find a way to reduce dependence on Russell for banquet prizes.

**TaG:** Carlson Bogan said there have been erroneous statements made about some TaG racers taking flywheels off. Doug Stempfley discussed his experience with starters breaking. Following discussion, Rick Coombs made a motion to allow the option of removal of the starter, starter ring gear and battery on TaG motors. The motion was seconded by Mike Brown and passed with nine in favor, two opposed and one abstained (roll call: Boles-no, Brown-yes, Coombs-yes, Gregg-yes, Horn-no, Landes-yes, McCready-yes, McKibben-yes, Newberry-yes, Stempfley-abstained, Wagar-yes, Benson-yes). Stempfley made a motion to raise all TaG engine weights by ten pounds except for PRD. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben. Josh Wagar stated TaG weights can be changed on race day. Horn said clarity about this needs to be given on race day. Stempfley withdrew his motion.

**YAMAHA SBX CAN CLASS:** Rick Coombs reported the five primary drivers in the Yamaha SBX Can Class would like to move to Yamaha Heavy and maintain the 420-pound weight. Following discussion, Coombs made a motion to transfer the Yamaha SBX Can Class average to Yamaha Heavy and waive the thirty-day waiting period. The motion was seconded by Mike Brown and passed with eleven in favor and one abstained (Boles).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** No report.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Mike Brown reported the grid gate needs to be repaired. Dwight Newberry agreed to take of it. Carlson Bogan discussed being prepared for a fire situation. Mike Brown and Josh Wagar detailed where fire extinguishers/equipment are positioned.

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Lynda Coombs reviewed commitments made by the Shows and Promotions Workgroup participants who met June 11, 2011. Participants were Doug Benson, Lynda Coombs, Ted Cradlebaugh, Gary Gregg and John Horn. Coombs presented a promotional file container, which includes OVKA flyers, and information about newspapers, car shows and festivals in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. Anyone who is interested in promoting the club can access the file at the track or contact Coombs. Josh Wagar has arranged for OVKA information to be taken to Kentucky Speedway. He suggested looking at other cross-promotional opportunities. Don Boles discussed putting a banner on one of Gary Gregg's semitrailers to create a mobile billboard. Wagar suggested looking into that as well as painting on a trailer. Gary Gregg is willing to allow use of a trailer for this purpose. Cost will need to be researched to which Wagar agreed to check into. Mike Brown discussed the effectiveness of placing signage on streets leading to the track such as was done at the recent WKA event. John Horn discussed having rental karts and said the logistics are the tough part. Brown agreed to work with Gary Gregg if the club obtains rental karts to which Gregg declined. Josh Wagar made a motion to appropriate \$800 for three months billboard advertisement in Camden. The motion was seconded by John Horn and passed unanimously. Gregg said we need to be careful the billboard does not set up expectations for concession karts. Randy Landes explained how he was pulled into karting by a radio ad. Brown discussed promotional opportunities such as the Walnut Festival in Camden and the 127 yard sale. Horn provided pricing information about Gator and Clone karts.

**SWAP MEET:** Doug Benson reported Swap Meet flyers were distributed at the recent Gold Cup at Camden. Benson made a motion to appropriate up to \$500 for raffle prizes at the 2012 Swap meet. The motion was seconded by Mike Brown and passed with eleven in favor and one abstained (McKibben). Brown suggested having raffle prizes the whole family can use such as easy-ups and gas grills to which Benson responded this is about karting. Benson discussed advertising options for promoting the Swap Meet such as E-Karting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**WORKER REIMBURSEMENT:** Josh Wagar noted Gary Gregg's concern from last month about worker reimbursement expenditures. Wagar read an email from Amy Werner with suggestions. Gregg reviewed worker expenditures and John Horn stated profit is down because entries are down. Melissa Brandon said she does not have a problem with worker lunches going away as she had to purchase hers at the WKA event. Brandon discussed the amount of compensation she has been provided by other organizations and said they do not have four people in the tower. Wagar responded WKA has paid staff during the week and he does not think any reduction in reimbursement needs to made at this time. Wagar discussed consolidation of some duties to which Mike Brown responded he was the only one who did not receive an increase. Don Boles said the club can cover worker expenses or have all volunteer workers like Badger does. Ray McKibben stated that when the board voted on worker reimbursement, there were expectations of higher kart counts than what we are having. McKibben further stated there needs to be encouragement for more volunteerism. Brown discussed on-track positions verses air conditioned positions and reported on the amount of work he does during the week. John Horn inquired about consolidation of tower

positions to which Lynda Coombs reviewed duties of each position and noted the fourth position referenced is the announcer. Brown discussed the treasurer not being involved on race day and said GLSS and WKA do not have anyone scoring racers manually to which Horn disagreed. Rick Coombs noted other organizations charge more for entry fees, such as \$50. Horn said he does not think workers or reimbursement should be cut. Doug Benson

asked what affect this will have on the banquet. Brown stated it is up to all of us to bring kart count up and said the club blew it this past weekend with the Gold Cup as he heard people say the club does not want them. Boles responded he was told we don't have anyone for them to race with to which Brown said four cycles have no place to run.

**CHAMP RACE:** John Horn reported an agreement has been signed for John Deis to provide the meal and reviewed the menu noting dessert is not included. OVKA will need to supply soda, ice, coolers, tables and table covers. Horn reported games are being planned.

**RADIO BATTERIES:** Gary Gregg reported on pricing for replacement batteries and asked to be provided with which ones are needed. Ray McKibben will take care of this.

**2011 FORMS:** Josh Wagar reported an email was received this afternoon from Michael Davis explaining that if a parent refuses to allow their minor child to sign a release, the parent's signature will be sufficient. John Horn noted he has not signed forms at other tracks. Lynda Coombs explained that in order for a release to be valid for the entire season, it requires notarization. In addition, for minors attending without their parent or legal guardian, there are two forms required both of which must be notarized; one is the WKA release and one is for OVKA.

**GOLF KART:** John Horn continues to follow up on procuring a golf kart for the club. Ray McKibben responded Marlon Evans will allow use of his golf kart for the season. Josh Wagar noted funds have been appropriated for this item.

**REPAIR OF CRASH BAGS:** John Horn reported the crash bags are in the process of being repaired at a cost of \$30 to \$40 per bag.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:** John Horn said he thinks the board should look at voting on board members. He further stated we have too many board members and having less would cut down on bickering. Horn asked to table the matter due to the lateness of the meeting. Doug Stempfley suggested the board talk amongst ourselves and come back prepared to discuss the matter.

**ENTRY FEE PROMOTION:** Doug Benson suggested the club offer half-off entry fees to first-time racers. Josh Wagar said the entries should be for use at only the Camden track. John Horn suggested coupons be made and distributed at the upcoming New Castle race. Doug Stempfley asked if a team shows up with four drivers, does each driver get the discount to which Horn replied yes. Horn made a motion to put a coupon on the OVKA web site and in printed form for half-off your first entry at G & J Kartway. One coupon per driver. Expires October 16, 2011. The motion was seconded by Stempfley and passed with ten in favor, one opposed and one abstained (roll call: Gregg=yes, Horn=yes, Landes=no, McCready=yes, McKibben=yes, Newberry=yes, Stempfley=yes, Wagar=yes, Benson=yes, Boles=yes, Brown=abstained, Coombs=yes).

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn at 10:43 p.m. was made by Josh Wagar, seconded by Doug Stempfley and passed unanimously.

**NEXT MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 2, 2011, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75).
- Lebanon Blues Festival, Saturday, August 6, 2011, 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., admission is free.

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Lynda Coombs – Provide promotional materials to interested persons.
- Gary Gregg – Order radio batteries upon receipt of type and quantity needed.
- John Horn – Organize Champ Race with McKibben and Wagar, follow up on procuring golf kart.
- Ray McKibben – Organize Champ Race with Horn and Wagar, provide Gary Gregg with type and quantity of radio batteries needed.
- Dwight Newberry – Repair grid gate.
- Josh Wagar – Research cost of graphics and painting for semitrailer, organize Champ Race with Horn and McKibben.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Benson, Boles, Brown, Coombs, Gregg, Horn, Landes, McCready, McKibben, Newberry, Stempfley and Wagar.

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** C. Bogan, M. Brandon, O. Cohen, L. Coombs, V. Oatts, P. Slattery, J. Stafford, B. Williams and D. Young.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 724/11.

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at New Castle Motorsports.

**YAMAHA HEAVY DRIVERS REQUEST:** Ted Cradlebaugh discussed requests made to adjust the weight from 390 pounds to 420 pounds for the Yamaha Heavy class with driver minimum weight remaining the same at 215 pounds. The board agreed unanimously to allow this change beginning at race six.

**YAMAHA SBX MEDIUM DRIVERS REQUEST:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported there are three drivers in the Yamaha SBX Medium class, who would like to put a pipe on their engines, leave the weight at 360 pounds and move participation to Yamaha Lite. The board agreed unanimously to allow this change beginning at race six.

**NEW CASTLE INSURANCE:** Lynda Coombs explained it was learned this morning that New Castle requires different notarized forms for minors in the pit area who are attending without

their parent or legal guardian. A 14-year-old young lady who presented WKA and OVKA notarized forms has been denied access to the pit area at New Castle with the group she came with. Coombs has offered to have the young lady stay with her and in the concession area.

**TIRES:** Ted Cradlebaugh explained Jim Russell had told him he was expecting a container to arrive. Cradlebaugh continues to wait to hear more after placing calls to Russell and suggested not making a move today. Ray McKibben recommended setting a deadline of this coming Tuesday morning. Cradlebaugh asked the board for their ideas about what direction to go. John Horn discussed his experience with tires at Beaver Run. Mike Brown noted some members have already bought tires and they should have a chance to empty their trailers out. He suggested going with a Dunlop tire and said this could provide testing. McKibben reported A.R. Gardner told him you unequivocally cannot run two types of tires. Cradlebaugh will attempt to reach Russell.

**ENTRY FEE PROMOTION:** In follow up to emails circulating among the board, Ted Cradlebaugh said he is not in favor of changing the half-off entry promotion to a free entry. Josh Wagar agreed.

**CHAMP RACE:** John Horn discussed food for the Champ Race.

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Ted Cradlebaugh – Contact Jim Russell regarding tires.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Benson, Boles, Brown, Coombs, Cradlebaugh, Horn, Landes, McKibben, Newberry, Stempfley, Viney and Wagar.

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** L. Coombs.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 7/24/11.

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. G & J Kartway.

**BOARD MEMBER SHIRTS:** Ted Cradlebaugh directed that board member shirts be to be worn.

**TIRES:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported tires were to have arrived last Friday and Jim Russell told him the container was lost and he is having them air freighted. Russell said he will buy back tires in wrappers. With the Champ Race coming up, Cradlebaugh suggested asking racers who have tires and ask them to buy from each other. Another option would be to go with Bridgestone YLCs. John Horn said the cost is about the same. Ray McKibben offered to make calls to locate tires. Dwight Newberry noted he complied with the rulebook and shelled out money for tires and is not pleased about having another tire. Cradlebaugh will discuss this today at the driver's meeting. John Horn stated he does not think YLCs have a qualifying kick. McKibben said he thinks it would be best to go with one brand. Don Boles

reported he heard Bridgestones are hard to get too although this has not been confirmed. Josh Wagar said after this year it is questionable if the club will go with Dunlops. Horn discussed people being excluded from racing with the club because they can't run Bridgestone tires and be in the points. Max Viney responded he does not think the low kart count is due to tires. McKibben recommended allowing two different tires. Don Boles suggested waiting to see who has tires. Rick Coombs reported the Yamaha Heavy Class has already agreed to stay on SL4 tires for the year. Mike Brown suggested the Komet Junior and Sportsman classes run Bridgestones. Coombs asked what if not everyone in these classes want to do this. Cradlebaugh responded we need to first talk with the classes. Horn and Newberry agreed to talk with the Yamaha and KPP Junior classes about this.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:10a.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Benson, Boles, Brown, Coombs, Cradlebaugh, Gregg, Horn, Landes, McCready, McKibben, Newberry, Stempfley, Viney and Wagar.

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** L. Coombs.

### **MEETING WITH JUNIOR CLASSES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dwight Newberry called the meeting to order at 11:14 a.m. and explained the situation with availability of Dunlop SL4 tires. John Horn asked who needs tires and who has new wrapped Dunlop SL4 tires to sell. Pat Slattery suggested having the junior classes run Bridgestones. Ted Cradlebaugh told the group Russell will take back wrapped new tires. Josh Wagar stated we are trying to make this work. Following further discussion, consensus was for Yamaha Junior and KPP Junior to switch to Bridgestone YLC tires for the rest of the year beginning at the Champ Race. Cradlebaugh will discuss this at today's driver's meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 7/24/11.